Novodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas in Orlssa

†1215. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas in Orissa;

(b) whether more Navodaya Vidyalayas are likely to be opened in Orissa keeping in view the educational backwardness in the State;

(c) whether there is a proposal to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Sambhalpur, and

(d) if not, the time by when more Novodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.D. ALl ASHRAF FATMI) (a) There are 29 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and 29 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) functioning in Orissa.

(b) A sanction to open a JNV at Nayagarh in Orissa has already been issued on 27.05.2005, thus covering all the 30 districts in the State, with one JNV per district as envisaged in the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. A Kendriya Vidyalaya already exists in Sambalpur district.

Women Education Centres in Orissa

†1216. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women education centres in Orissa;

(b) whether Government are considering over setting up of more women education centres in the backward State of Orissa; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by Government to remove educational backwardness in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALl ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information received from the State Government, no

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.